

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Material on JFK bullet to be tested

WASHINGTON—An FBI crime lab will try to identify thread-like material found on a fragment of the bullet that killed President John F. Kennedy.

The material's relevance to investigations of the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination is unknown, said officials from the National Archives, which has custody of all evidence from the assassination.

But in announcing the examination Thursday, they said it would clear up a discrepancy left over from a previous inquiry.

In an initial report in 1979, a panel of the House Select Committee on Assassinations recommended testing the material found on the bullet. The recommendation was omitted from the House committee's final report. An Assassination Review Board established in 1992 to increase public access to the records said it was unable to determine the cause of the omission.